

Newsletter December, 2012

Secondary Core Standard Survey

The Utah State Board of Education has asked me for information about the current state of affairs regarding the secondary social studies core standards and the existing graduation requirements. I have created a short but very important survey, and I **NEED** your thoughtful responses to the questions. Please let your voice and thoughts be heard! https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PRQCPYW

Lincoln Screening

The UCSS-sponsored screening of <u>Lincoln</u> on November 24 was a smash. The theater was packed at 10:00 am last Saturday, and if you have not yet seen <u>Lincoln</u>, you are in for a treat. These opportunities are one more reason to be a UCSS member: http://www.ucssblog.com/ While you are at it, check out the NCSS Smart Brief Newsletter: https://www.smartbrief.com/ncss/index.jsp

On-Line Courses for Social Studies Professional Development: Registration Opens December 1 for 2013 Courses!

As you may know, we have begun offering social studies endorsement courses on-line. Rather than the one-week-long endorsement courses we have typically held, the USOE and UEN are developing and offering a full slate of endorsement courses designed to provide rigorous course content while allowing maximum flexibility for participants. Oh, and they will be really, really inexpensive. Our intention is to offer them with the only cost being the recording fee payable to our education partner, SUU. So teachers who need to add endorsements or just want to take these courses will be able to do so for around \$15 per credit hour.

Registration will open for registration for all of the courses we have set up. My friends at UEN created a 2013 social studies, online landing page for professional development. You can select--beginning Dec 1, 2012--a course or series of courses that you need for your social studies endorsement. You can consider the offerings over the course of an entire year and, we hope, make good choices, ones that work for your schedules, and so on.

Here's the link: http://www.uen.org/development/usoe/socstudies/

Here is the direct link to the registration site for the courses, which will be live SATURDAY, December 1!

http://profdev.uen.org/register/view course by month

International Education Initiatives

The USOE in partnership with UEN is developing on-line courses that specifically focus on bringing the 21st century world into the classroom, with an emphasis on curricular connections for 6th grade teachers as well as world civilizations teachers. We are always looking for great examples of ways teachers have already made the connection to the world and whose classroom work would serve as a great case study. If you have an international education story to tell, I would love to hear it, and there will be stipends available for those teachers we profile. We have also created an International Ed mailing list:

https://lists.uen.org/mailman/listinfo/intledusoe

In other news, last Friday the US Department of Education's **ED's** Office of International Affairs officially published on its website a document outlining the Department's international strategy:

"Succeeding Globally Through International Education and Engagement:

the U.S. Department of Education's International Strategy for 2012-16."

The PDF document may be downloaded from

http://www2.ed.gov/about/inits/ed/internationaled/international-strategy-2 012-16.html

National Council for the Social Studies in Seattle

A number of Utah educators made their way to the NCSS conference in Seattle November 16 - 18. If you have never attended this conference, you should make plans now for November 22-24, 2013 in St. Louis.

THE GILDER LEHRMAN INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN HISTORY

Gilder Lehrman Summer Seminars!

Full-time K--12 history and English language arts teachers are invited to apply for the Gilder Lehrman Institute's renowned Teacher Seminars. Led by eminent historians and held at major educational and historical institutions, these one-week interdisciplinary seminars give educators the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of topics in American history and literature while they gain practical resources and strategies to bring these subjects to life in the classroom.

2013 Teacher Seminars Registration Link: Apply Now

Submission Deadline: February 15, 2013

Turning Points in History: People, Ideas, Events UTAH HISTORY FAIR 2012-2013

The Utah History Fair, Utah's National History Day affiliate, (www.nhd.org), has helped tens of thousands of Utah's students, grades 4-12, learn, experience, and enjoy history since 1980. The Utah History Fair encourages participating students to explore an area of history that reflects their curiosity, locality, and/or heritage; students often research

and present topics that reflect their personality. Students then <u>create an entry</u> in a category of their choice. The categories are:

<u>WEBSITE</u> (Students must use the NHD website editor to create websites)

HISTORICAL PAPER

DOCUMENTARY

EXHIBIT

PERFORMANCE

Calendar of Upcoming Deadlines:

Sept.-Dec.: In-class presentations. E-mail to schedule a presentation. nicholas.demas@usu.edu

December 1: Registration Opens

February 1: Registration Closes (The deadline will not be extended this year)

Spy Hop Institute for Teachers (SHIFT): Digital Storytelling and Filmmaking in the Classroom

Rick Wray of SHIFT writes:

I wanted to let you know about a **free** upcoming workshop that might be of interest to you and your colleagues. SHIFT is in the process of recruiting educator teams teaching in grades 3 thru 12. Below, please find a workshop description, and attached, an outreach flyer and an overview page about the SHIFT organization. Please share this email with any interested parties and don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Workshop Description

SHIFT (Spy Hop Institute For Teachers) is bringing their professional development training to the Leonardo in downtown Salt Lake City on February 7th -9th. This free, hands-on workshop teaches educators how to integrate filmmaking and digital storytelling into core content instruction. Join us to:

- Discover how to use the filmmaking process in the classroom to engage students, and increase academic achievement;
- Receive standards-linked, media rich lesson plans;
- Revitalize your teaching practice.

Details about this exciting professional development and SHIFT can be found online at www.shiftworkshops.org. For interested parties, registration forms have also been included here and are due by Friday, January 11th. All workshop curriculum and tuition costs have been covered by generous grants from the Sorenson Legacy Foundation and Art Works For Kids.

World Civ List Serve

Utah Psychology teachers have long had a list serve where they can share lesson ideas and resources. Stan Holmes from Canyons District had the idea of adding a World Civ list serve. So here is the link to subscribe to the new World Civ list serve. Anyone who is a subscriber can post to the list serve, so enjoy! Subscribe to the World Civ mailing list by visiting https://lists.uen.org/mailman/listinfo/worldciv

And just in case you want to subscribe to the psychology list serve: https://lists.uen.org/mailman/listinfo/sec-psych

Driven to Teach Deadline is This Saturday!

The opportunity of a lifetime is quickly coming to a close. The deadline for applications for the summer seminars for Driven2Teach is December 1st. **Driven to Teach Field Studies for 2013 are all-expense paid on-site experiences only available to Utah teachers**. This year they will include Colonial Williamsburg, June 17 - 23, Santa Fe, June 15-22, and Boston, June 24 - 30.

Application and nomination is easy. Just visit: driven2teach.org

Evenings for Educators in Springville

One of the longest-running programs of the Springville Museum of Art's StateWide Art Partnership (SWAP) is the Evening for Educators series. These events are held on average once a month during the academic year, at locations across the state of Utah.

Each Evening for Educators features a keynote speaker and hands-on workshops designed to help teachers integrate the night's theme into their curriculum. A packet of lesson plans is made available for a donation of \$5 with images included. Teachers may receive inservice credit for attending these events.

Coming up January 30: Teaching History Through Art http://smofa.org/education/swap/evening_educators.html

Free online course for secondary educators: Teaching about Pre-modern Japan: Heian and Medieval Society and Culture

The Program for Teaching East Asia, University of Colorado Boulder, announces a free Winter-Spring 2013 online course for secondary educators: "Teaching about Pre-modern Japan: Heian and Medieval Society and Culture." This course is open to teachers nationwide, with priority given to teachers from states west of the Mississippi. This course is offered in cooperation with the East Asia Resource Center at the University of Washington.

For more details, see the course flyer at:

http://www.colorado.edu/cas/tea/programs/downloads/WINTER2013premodernjapan.pdf

Register for this course online registration at:

http://www.colorado.edu/cas/tea/programs/registration-premodernjapan.html

Granite Teaching American History Grant Professional Development Opportunities

The Teaching American History Academy has several professional development trainings that are open to anyone (priority to social Studies and Language Arts teachers). If you would like to attend, please sign up through On Track ASAP.

• We the People Training: (November 29 from 8-3:30) This will prepare model how to engage

- your students in a simulated congressional hearing. Course #47650 Section #51993. Subs will be paid for Granite District Teachers.
- Book Share Blog is a fun evening to share a historical fiction or non-fiction book with others and convince them to read your book. We choose one and then buy the book for everyone who wants to attend the book talk in May. Two day open course #47650, Section #51994 (Dec. 4) #51995 (Dec. 6) Choose the date you want and sign up for that section.



<u>15 Minute History</u> is a FREE podcast—with supplementary resources and primary documents—about World and U.S. History. 15 Minute History is a collaboration between <u>Hemispheres</u>, the international outreach consortium at the University of Texas at Austin, and <u>Not Even Past</u>, an outreach project of the Department of History at the University of Texas at Austin.



Thanks for all you do for Utah students!

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